GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL COURTS FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of rape, atrocities and offences against women are pending in various courts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases relating to rape pending in various courts as on date;

(c) the steps taken for the speedy disposal of such cases;

(d) whether the Government proposes to constitute special courts to deal with such cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 58,310 cases relating to rape were pending trial in various courts of the country as on 31.12.2005.

(c)to(f) : Fast Track Courts (FTCs) have been set up in different parts of the country for speedy disposal of cases including such cases.At present 1562 FTCs are in operation.Government has extended the term of these FTCs upto 31.3.2010. Government has also requested the State Governments to initiate Plan of Action in consultation with the respective High Court to designate atleast one FTC in each district to deal exclusively with cases of offences against women including sexual abuse and rape.